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940 First National Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
April 21, 1940.

Mr. C. M. Zimmerman,
Acting Inspector in Charge,
Post Office Department,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
of April 17, 1940 enclosing a threatening letter
addressed to C. W. Wright, General Delivery, Slick,
Oklahoma. Please be advised that this matter will be
given appropriate attention by this Bureau.

Thank you for your cooperation in this
matter.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

HEA:wb

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
C. W. WRIGHT - VICTIM
EXTORTION.

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940 First National Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 23, 1940

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Mr. C. W. Zimmerman
Acting Inspector in Charge
Post Office Department
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 17, 1940, enclosing a threatening letter postmarked at Bristow, Oklahoma, April 10, 1940, and addressed to C. W. Wright, General Delivery, Slick, Oklahoma.

For your information and the completion of your file, the results of the investigation in the matter were referred to the United States Attorney at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who advised that the facts and circumstances did not warrant Federal prosecutive action.

Thank you for your courtesy in referring this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Anderson
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,
C. W. WRIGHT - VICTIM.
EXTORTION.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 9-181

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/25/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/15-16/40	REPORT MADE BY E. F. EHRICH	cfe
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; C. W. WRIGHT - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Letter postmarked at Bristow, Okla., 4/10/40, threatened injury to victim if he did not permit his daughters additional privileges. Victim WRIGHT, a negro residing near Slick, Okla., is unworried by threat and knows no suspects. U. S. Attorney, Tulsa, Okla., declines prosecution.

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DETAILS:

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA:

Instant letter was referred to this Division by Mr. C. M. ZIMMERMAN, Acting Inspector in Charge, Kansas City Post Office Inspector's Office, Kansas City, Missouri. It is noted that instant letter was written in pencil on lined notebook paper, and enclosed in an envelope addressed to "Mr. C. W. Wright, Slick, Okla. Sen. Del.", and postmarked at Bristow, Oklahoma, April 10, 1940, 9:00 a.m. The letter is quoted as follows:

"Sapula, Okla

"April 9, 1940

"Dear Mr. Wright:

"How are you and family. We the club have been informed that you don't allow your girls to recieve company. We have been established for 25 yrs, our purpose is to see that each girl and boy 15 years of age has a privilage to recieve company, that is nice company.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>H. E. Anderson</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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" Within thirty days, if it don't be any change made we will take them and provide for them ourselves. We have money in treasure to do these things. Listen Mr. Man, as far as that riden proposition if you hadn been riden someone they wouldn have been here. Because you are the bulldog and your little son is the peole dog, and you are likely to get dropped at any time. If you don't stop these things, your girls will be take within 60 days no doubt. This means let them go to church, to school, to town, to recieve company, to clean up and visit friends, and for you to provide for them if possible. We have secret speotors all over the country to look after these things. This is only a kind warning. Be Ware.
Be careful.

"Your Friendly Club "

The letter and envelope, which have been placed in a cellophane envelope, are being retained in the files of the Oklahoma City Division.

AT SLICK, OKLAHOMA:

At the Post Office, it was ascertained that C. W. WRIGHT was an old negro who lived in a shack about two miles southeast of Slick, ~~about two miles southeast of Slick, but for several hours failed to contact WRIGHT.~~ Through miscellaneous inquiries made in the negro section of Slick, it was learned that WRIGHT is unemployed and is considered quaser in his actions. It was ascertained that he spends most of his time walking around carrying a .22 calibre rifle.

Inasmuch as it was ascertained that the negro school which WRIGHT's daughters attend was having a picnic, Agent located the picnic about 12 miles south and west of Slick, at which time an interview was had with RUTH and PEARLINE WRIGHT, daughters of Victim. Both informed that their father had exhibited instant letter to them, and that he was not much worried about it. They stated that their father had had no trouble with any of their boy friends, and had never received any previous threats from anyone around Slick. Both girls denied knowledge of any boys clubs or other organizations which might have sent this letter. They indicated that neither they nor their father had anyone under suspicion as the author of this letter. They further indicated that no further letters have been received to date. These girls mentioned that they thought their father was at home, but if not he often goes out of town for long walks and does not return until nightfall.

The following is the description of victim, as obtained from his daughters:

Age	69
Height	5' 11 to 6'
Weight	160
Hair	Black - graying

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Eyes	Brown
Race	Negro
Marital Status	Widower
Children	RUTH WRIGHT, 14 yrs. PEARLING WRIGHT, 16 yrs.
Occupation	Unemployed

The facts of this case were thereafter discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JOE HOWARD, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who advised that the facts and circumstances herein are insufficient to warrant Federal prosecutive action or further investigative action.

In view of the above opinion, this case is being here-with closed, the original informant being appropriately advised in the premises by letter.

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9-5998-2

June 8, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
C. W. WRIGHT, VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

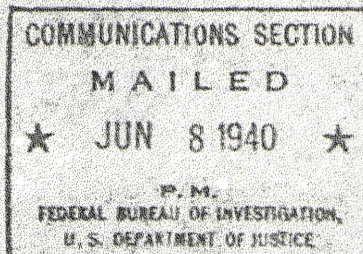
Reference is made to the closing report
of Special Agent F. V. [unclear] dated June 25, 1940 at
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in connection with the above-
captioned case.

It is noted therefrom that the original
letter and envelope received by the victim are being
retained in the files of your office. It is suggested
that these be transmitted to the Technical Laboratory
for inclusion in the Bureau's anonymous communication
file.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



Handwritten initials and signature, possibly "J. E. H." and "J. E. H."

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
June 12, 1940.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
C. W. WRIGHT - VICTIM
EXTORTION.

Dear Sir: ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY.

Answering your letter of June 8, 1940
(9-5538), there is enclosed the original letter and
envelope in this case for inclusion in the Bureau's
anonymous communication file.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen
H. E. ANDERSEN, RSH
Special Agent in Charge.

HEA:wb

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ORIGINAL TO LABORATORY

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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CEB:AWK

June 26, 1940

Laboratory Report

Case: Unknown Subjects;
C. W. Wright, Victim;
Extortion.

Number: 9-5998-3

Specimens:

- Q1, Envelope postmarked "Bristow, Oklahoma, April 10, 1940,
9 A. M." addressed to Mr. C. W. Wright.
Q2, Accompanying letter beginning "How are you and family...".
Q3, Second page of Q2 beginning "spectors all over the...".

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City

Date received: 6-15-40

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Blackburn

Specimen Q1 is a white bond envelope containing no watermark, measuring 3.67 to 3.68" in width, approximately 6.5" in length, .0046 to .0048" in thickness, having a weight of 3.353 grams, and an opacity value of 0.93. The end of the envelope was torn off before it reached the laboratory. On the upper left-hand corner it contains the printed return address "AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO" followed by two heavy black lines. The name and address are written in script with an indelible pencil.

Specimen Q2 is a sheet of ruled, white, notebook paper measuring 8.01" in width, 10.57" to 10.58" in length, .0034 to .0035" in thickness, has a weight of 3.510 grams and an opacity value of 0.81. It is punched along the left edge with two holes spaced 5.78" apart, measured from the edges nearest the center of the sheet. The hole nearest the top is spaced 2.15" from the upper edge and the hole nearest the bottom is spaced 2.15" from the bottom of the sheet. These measurements were taken from the edges of the holes nearest to the top and bottom of the sheet respectively. Several small portions of the sheet were torn off along the right edge before it reached the laboratory. It is ruled on each side with 26 blue-green lines spaced about 0.348" apart, the first line beginning 1.57 to 1.58" from the top and the last line being spaced 0.29 to 0.30" from the bottom of the sheet. There is a red marginal line

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spaced 1.15 to 1.16" from the left edge on the front side and spaced 1.37 to 1.38" from the left edge on the reverse side. The sheet contains the watermark "BRIGHTONE" which is used by Bradner Smith and Company, 393 South Desplaines Street, Chicago, Illinois. The message is written in script with a soft lead pencil.

Specimen Q3 is similar to specimen Q2, having a weight of 3.499 grams and an opacity value of 0.80.

The questioned specimens were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints, but none of value was developed.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 were searched through the Bureau's file of anonymous letters, but nothing of particular significance or of such a nature as to suggest investigation was found.

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 through Q3 are being transmitted herewith.

The original evidence is being retained in the files of the laboratory.

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

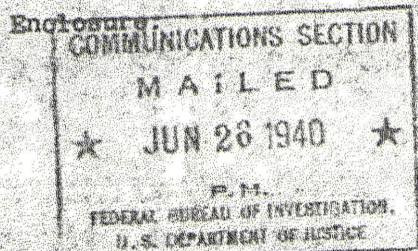
Re: Unknown Subjects;
C. W. Wright, Victim;
Extortion.

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above ~~entire matter~~ and received in the Bureau June 15, 1940.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

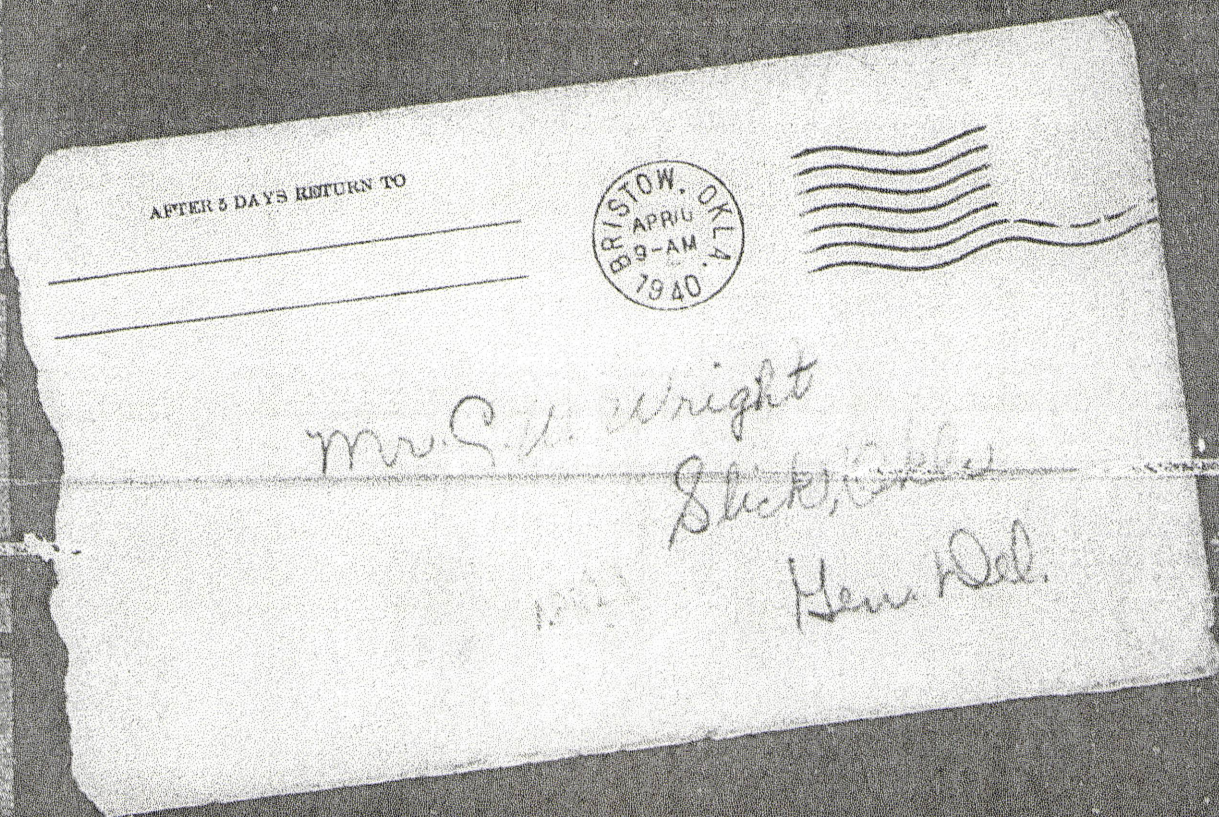
John Edgar Hoover
Director



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your friendly neighbor